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In re U.S. Patent Application of:)

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For: MAGNETORESISTIVE FILM)
HAVING NON-MAGNETIC)
SPACER LAYER OF REDUCED)
THICKNESS)

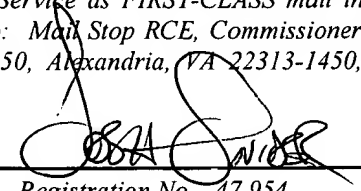
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AMENDMENT E

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 30, 2005, and
pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith,
please amend the above-identified Application as follows: